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PATENT

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for a national stage of PCT application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

Optical Fiber Connector Assembly

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification was filed on February 2, 2005 and assigned serial no. 10/522,995

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d), (f) 172, and 365(a) and (b))

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

Such applications have been filed as follows.

PRIOR PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS

**(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION
AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)**

INDICATE IF PCT	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (DAY, MONTH, YEAR)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 U.S.C. SECTION 119
PCT	PCT/CA03/001195	7 August 2003	yes

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

2,397,280 filed in Canada on August 9, 2002

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Optical Fiber Connector Assembly
Title of Invention

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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS
FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL
STAGE IN U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US) UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371

This replies to the Notice of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.494 (FORM PCT/DO/EO/905).

A copy of FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 accompanies this response.

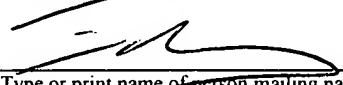
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- I. No original declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

FEES

II.

1. Examination, Search and Additional Page Fee

Fees for claims

Each independent claim in excess of 3	\$ 0.00
Each claim in excess of 20	\$ 0.00
Multiple dependent claim(s)	\$ 0.00

3. Surcharge fees

Surcharge for filing the oath or declaration later than thirty months from the priority date pursuant to § 1.495(c):	\$130.00
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Total fees \$130.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

- III. The proceedings herein are for a patent application. The provisions of 37 C.F.R. section 1.1 36(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE DUE

- IV. The total fee due is:

Completion fee(s)	\$0.00
Extension fee (if any)	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE	\$130.00

PAYMENT OF FEES

- V. Attached is a check in the amount of \$130.00.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

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Completion of Filing Requirements for International Application Entering National Stage in Designated Office
(DO/US) under 35 U.S.C. § 371-page 2 of 3

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

VI. Please charge, in the manner authorized above, the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application:

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.492(a)(2), 1.492(a)(3), or 1.492(a)(5) (filing fees)

37 C.F.R. § 1.492(b) (presentation of extra claims)


37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)

37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a))

37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 (b))

37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e) and (f) (surcharge fees for filing the declaration and/or an English translation of an international application later than 20 months from the earliest claimed priority date)

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